

Application No. 10/083,405  
Reply dated September 6, 2005  
Response to Office Action of June 6, 2005

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

#### **Description of amendments**

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 11-13, 15-17, 20-28 are now pending and under examination. Applicant has cancelled claims 9 and 10. No new matter has been added.

#### **Allowed and allowable claims**

Applicant appreciates that the Examiner has indicated claims 1-3, 5-8, 11-13, 15-17, and 20 are allowable.

Claims 21-28 have not been rejected. Accordingly, Applicant considers the claims patentable.

#### **Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)**

Claims 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being unpatentable over Teramura (U.S. Patent 6,226,588). This rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 9 and 10.

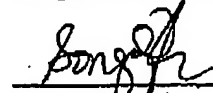
In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #: 056203.50989US).

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